

CLAIMS

- 1 1. A transfer tool for transporting a row of workpieces positioned on a surface to another
2 location, the tool comprising:
 - 3 a. an elongated, rigid, workpiece-receiving panel having a length greater than its
4 width;
 - 5 b. an end support extending transversely from the panel; and
 - 6 c. an elongated, hand-grippable handle attached to the end support and
7 extending, in an operable orientation of the tool, above the panel.
- 1 2. A transfer tool in accordance with claim 1, wherein the workpiece-receiving panel, in
2 an operable orientation of the tool, is contoured to have an upwardly concave surface for
3 containing liquid on the panel.
- 1 3. A transfer tool in accordance with claim 2 wherein the panel has longitudinal bends to
2 form the concave contour.
- 1 4. A transfer tool in accordance with claim 2 wherein the end support includes a liquid
2 impervious wall extending upwardly from the panel for containing liquid on the panel
3 and preventing spillage from end of the panel.

1 5. A transfer tool in accordance with claim 1 wherein the panel has parallel, laterally
2 opposite, linear edges for engaging the workpiece supporting surface.

1 6. A transfer tool in accordance with claim 1 wherein the handle extends substantially the
2 entire length of the panel.

1 7. A transfer tool in accordance with claim 1 and further comprising a second end
2 support also extending, in an operable orientation of the tool, upwardly from the panel,
3 wherein both end supports includes a liquid impervious wall extending upwardly adjacent
4 the panel for containing liquid on the panel and preventing spillage from ends of the
5 panel.

1 8. A transfer tool in accordance with claim 7, wherein the handle extends between and is
2 attached at its opposite ends to the end supports.

1 9. A transfer tool in accordance with claim 8, wherein the workpiece-receiving panel, in
2 an operable orientation of the tool, is contoured to have an upwardly concave surface for
3 containing liquid on the panel.

1 10. A transfer tool in accordance with claim 9 wherein the panel has longitudinal bends to
2 form the concave contour.

- 1 11. A transfer tool in accordance with claim 9 wherein the panel has parallel, laterally
2 opposite, linear edges for engaging the workpiece supporting surface.
- 1 12. A transfer tool in accordance with claim 11 wherein the handle is parallel to the
2 panel.
- 1 13. A transfer tool in accordance with claim 12 wherein the panel, end supports and
2 handle are formed integrally.
- 1 14. A transfer tool in accordance with claim 1 wherein the panel has a length to width
2 aspect ratio of at least 3:1.
- 1 15. A transfer tool in accordance with claim 14, wherein the workpiece-receiving panel,
2 in an operable orientation of the tool, is contoured to have an upwardly concave surface
3 for containing liquid on the panel and has parallel, laterally opposite, linear edges for
4 engaging the workpiece supporting surface, a second end support also extends
5 transversely from the panel, wherein both end supports include a liquid impervious wall
6 extending upwardly from the panel for containing liquid on the panel and preventing
7 spillage from ends of the panel, and wherein the handle is attached at its opposite ends to
8 the end supports.

1 16. A transfer tool in accordance with claim 14 wherein the panel has a length to width
2 aspect ratio of at least 4:1.

1 17. A transfer tool in accordance with claim 14 wherein the panel has a length to width
2 aspect ratio of at least 5:1.

1 18. A transfer tool in accordance with claim 1 for use for transporting a row of food
2 workpieces from a first location on a grill cooking surface to a second location, the grill
3 cooking surface having a width, wherein the length of the workpiece-receiving panel is at
4 least 50% of the width of the grill cooking surface.

1 19. A transfer tool in accordance with claim 18, wherein the grill has a wall running
2 along and extending above the grill cooking surface for retaining the food workpieces
3 against lateral sliding on the grill surface when the panel is slid under the food
4 workpieces and toward the wall.

1 20. A transfer tool in accordance with claim 19 wherein the length of the workpiece-
2 receiving panel is at least 80% of the width of the grill cooking surface.

1 21. A transfer tool in accordance with claim 20 wherein the length of the workpiece-
2 receiving panel is substantially the same as the width of the grill cooking surface.